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PM inaugurates Nazrul Complex on DU campus

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the expansion works of the National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, Martyred Intellectuals and Shilpachariya Zainul Abedin Tomb Complex in the Dhaka University campus on August 27, 2009.

A special munajat was offered seeking divine blessings for National Poet Nazrul Islam, Shilpachariya Zainul Abedin and martyred intellectuals, who embraced martyrdom at the fog end of the country's independence.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurating Kazi Nazrul Islam Memorial Complex at Dhaka University area

The programme was attended, among others, by Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid, Information Minister Abul Kalam Azad, Foreign Minister Dr Dipu Moni, State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Jahangir Kabir Nanok, State Minister for Housing and Public Works Abdul Mannan, State Minister for Cultural Affairs Promode Mankin, Former VC of Dhaka University Prof. AK Azad Chowdhury, Acting General Secretary of Awami League Mahbub-Ul-Alam Hanif, Prime Minister's Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad, Organising Secretary of Awami League ABM Bahauddin Nasim, Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) President Mahmudul Hasan Ripon, BCL General Secretary Mahfuzul Haider Chowdhury Rokon. Teachers and students of Dhaka University were also present on the occasion.□

National Education Policy 2009

The high-powered National Education Policy Formulation Committee, formed on April 08, 2009, submitted its report to the Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid at his secretariat office on September 2, 2009. The Committee Chairman National Professor Kabir Chowdhury, Co-chairman Dr. Quazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad and members of the Committee were present during the submission of the report.

The report of the Committee has touched almost every vital aspect of education at primary, secondary, madrasa, higher secondary, and university levels. It is a document of twenty-nine chapters ranging over topics such as aims and objectives of education, religion and moral education, teachers' training, education administration, and status and responsibility of teachers. This comprehensive report contains quite a few specific and substantive recommendations with a view to raise the standard of teaching, learning and research at the tertiary level educational institutions. It has proposed to establish a separate ministry of higher education so that it can concentrate on the academic and administrative activities of institutions imparting education only at the higher level. The Committee has also recommended the establishment of a Permanent

National Education Commission. The Commission will work as an advisory body of the Ministry of Education and University Grants Commission in implementing the national education policy. The Chairman and members of this Commission will enjoy the status and privileges of the Chairman and members respectively of the Election Commission. It has been opined by the National Education Policy Formulation Committee that since the UGC is funded by the government, there should be transparency and accountability in its activities and to ensure this relevant articles of the UGC Act are needed to be amended. To meet the needs of high quality of education

in the private universities, the Committee has emphasized the necessity of enacting amendments of the existing Private University Act. The Committee in its report has proposed that if the University Grants Commission is renamed as Higher Education Commission, the activities of this organization will be properly reflected in this proposed new name. Besides, the Committee has proposed the formation of an independent and impartial Accreditation Council comprising of representation from relevant professional groups with a view to evaluate and rank different higher education institutions on the basis of their performance regarding teaching, learning and research.

Decentralization of National University by setting up regional centres in all administrative divisions of the country has also been proposed by the Committee. Emphasis has also been laid on upgrading the status, powers and privileges of the Chairman and members of the University Grants Commission.

On September 7, 2009 the Education Minister formally handed over the report of the Committee to the Hon'ble Prime Minister. It is expected that the government will start implementing the new national education policy after it is being approved by the appropriate authority.

View exchange meeting on 'National Education Policy 2009'



UGC in dialogue with the National Education Policy Formulation Committee at NAEM

A delegation of the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh (UGC) met the National Education Policy Formulation Committee to exchange their views on the National Education Policy 2009 at the National Academy for Education Management (NAEM) on August 7, 2009. Co-Chairman of the Committee Dr. Quazi Kholiquzzman Ahmad presided over the meeting. UGC Chairman Professor Nazrul Islam led the UGC team which included UGC Members- Professor Dr. Ehsanul Haque, Professor Dr. Md. Abdul Hakim, Professor Dr. Atful Hye Shibly and UGC Secretary Md. Khaled.

The UGC Chairman put forward a 50-point recommendations on higher education for consideration of the National Education Policy Formulation Committee.

Internet connectivity to Universities

UGC Chairman Professor Nazrul Islam said that all the universities of the country would be brought under internet connectivity and libraries be digitalised under the 'Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP). He made the above comment while inaugurating a two-day workshop on Academic Innovation Fund at the UGC Auditorium (on July 7, 2009). The UGC Chairman said, "such a project to enhance the quality of higher education has been undertaken for the first time in the country."

The workshop was also addressed by UGC Member Professor Dr. Md. Tajul Islam and HEQEP Director Ruknuddin Ahmed. Around 84 representatives, including Registrars, Deans and Directors (Planning and Development) of 28 public universities participated in the workshop.



UGC Chairman Professor Nazrul Islam speaking at a seminar on 'Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project'

National Mourning Day observed at UGC

The University Grants Commission of Bangladesh organized a memorial meeting on 15th August 2009 on the occasion of the National Mourning Day and 34th death anniversary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Professor Nazrul Islam, Chairman, UGC attended the programme as the Chief Guest with Md. Khaled, President of UGC Officers Association in the chair. UGC Members



Professor Nazrul Islam speaking on the occasion of the National Mourning Day and 34th death anniversary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at the UGC Auditorium

Professor Dr. Ehsanul Haque, Professor Dr. Md. Abdul Hakim, Professor Dr. Md. Tajul Islam, Professor Dr. Atful Hye Shibly spoke on the occasion. Prior to the meeting, UGC delegates offered flower wreaths at the portrait of Bangabandhu at Bangabandhu Memorial Museum, Dhanmondi.

The speakers discussed about great contribution of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, who was also the dreamer and founder of UGC. They stressed creating a digital Bangladesh by taking lesson from the life and works of Bangabandhu.

Workshop on Fire Extinguishing First Aid

A workshop on 'Fire Extinguishing and its First Aid' organised by the Directorate of Fire Service and Civil Defense was held at UGC auditorium on July 9, 2009. The workshop was first of its kind at UGC. Professor Dr. Ehsanul Haque, Member, UGC inaugurated the workshop as the Chief Guest while Md. Rezaul Karim, Adjutant, Directorate of Fire Service and Civil Defense was the Special Guest. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC presided over the function. Md. Mokhlesur Rahman, Deputy Secretary, UGC delivered the address of welcome on the occasion. UGC Members—Professor Dr. Amena Begum, Professor Dr. Atful Hye Shibly and

divisional heads of UGC were also present on the occasion.



Practical session on Fire Extinguishing First Aid at UGC

The speakers observed that the country had witnessed a number of severe fire accidents over the last few years and these have been gradually increasing throughout the country. Under the circumstances, they felt the need for raising mass awareness for its prevention. They also laid emphasis on incorporating fire-related issues in the curriculum at the secondary level. They suggested holding of round table discussions, seminars and symposiums over the issue in creating mass awareness. Some 42 officials of UGC participated in the workshop.

UGC asks AUB to close-down its distance-learning programme & outer campus admission

The management of the Asian University of Bangladesh (AUB) has been asked by UGC to close-down its distance learning programme and outer campus admission following completion of the on going batches.



UGC Chairman Professor Nazrul Islam speaking at the meeting with AUB

The decision was given on August 25, 2009 in a meeting of UGC and AUB with UGC Chairman Professor Nazrul Islam.

The UGC members Professor Dr. Ehsanul Haque, Professor Dr. Md. Abdul Hakim, Professor Dr. Md. Tajul Islam, Professor Dr. Amena Begum, Professor Dr. Atful Hye Shibly and Vice Chancellor of AUB Professor Dr. Abul Hasan Md. Sadek and high officials of the university took part in the meeting.

Admitting some of their irregularities, AUB VC Dr. Abul Hasan Md. Sadek assured UGC that they would abide by the rules and regulations of UGC. The AUB authority also promised to start the process of building its own campus at Ashulia soon.

UGC Chairman for raising allocation to education sector

The University Grants Commission Chairman Professor Nazrul Islam has said that the allocation for the country's higher education and research should be at least six percent of the GDP to have the expected outcome from the sector. The present allocation in this sector is only a little over two percent of GDP, which according to him is very low.

Professor Nazrul Islam made the above observations while speaking as the Chief Guest at the inaugural session of a "Research Proposal Writing Workshop" in a city hotel on August 16, 2009, organised by the British Council under its 'International Strategic Partnerships in Research and Education (INSPIRE) Project'. The project aims at strengthening academic and research partnerships between the higher education institutions in the UK and Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Kazakhstan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan. At least 40 teachers from different public and private universities of the country participated in the workshop. The British Council Acting Director Mathew Knowles and Head of Climate, Culture and Citizenship, Syed Masud Hossain, among others, were present.

Reform body for decentralising National University submits its report

The Restructuring and Reform Committee on the National University (NU) led by Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Professor Nazrul Islam submitted its report recommending decentralization of this university's functions by establishing 6 regional branches. It also proposed renaming it as the National Affiliating University

(NAU) on September 03, 2009. Hon'ble Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid MP received the report in a simple ceremony at his secretariat office.

Education Secretary Syed Ataur Rahman, Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Professor Dr. AAMS Arefin Siddique, Vice Chancellor of the NU Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, UGC member Professor Dr. Md. Abdul Hakim, Joint Secretary (University) of the Ministry of Education Golam Rabbani and UGC Secretary Md. Khaled were present on the occasion.

UGC Chairman Professor Nazrul Islam attends meetings, seminars and other programmes

- Attended the '2nd UNESCO Ethics Workshop', held on July 11, 2009 at the National Economic Council (NEC) conference room of Planning Commission as the Chief Guest.
- Attended the ADB sponsored International Seminar Series titled 'National Forums on City Cluster Development in South Asia' held on July 13, 2009 at Dhaka on July 15, 2009 at Delhi and on July 17, 2009 at Colombo as a Resource Person.
- Attended a day-long Academic Innovation Fund (AIF) Workshop under the Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP), held on August 5, 2009 at Khulna University as the Chief Guest.
- Attended the inaugural ceremony of the Institute of Fine Arts of Khulna University, held on August 19, 2009 as the Guest of Honour.

Dr. Tapati Mukhopadhyay joins UGC as SAARC Fellow



Dr. Tapati Mukhopadhyay

Dr. Tapati Mukhopadhyay, Reader in Geography, Siddharth College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Mumbai, India has joined the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh as SAARC Fellow on 12 August 2009 under the SAARC Chair, Fellowship and Scholarship Scheme. She is attached to the Department of History and the Department of Geography and the Environment, University of Dhaka. She will conduct research on "The Unsung Heroes of Anushilan Samiti based in Dhaka, their contribution in the freedom movement (during the period 1930 to 1946)".

Activities of the Different Divisions of the UGC

Training and Instrumentation Division

TEIN3 Kick-off Workshop



*Shah Mohammad
Aminul Islam*

Shah Mohammad Aminul Islam, Instrument Engineer and Mohammad Motaharul Islam, Lecturer of Training and Instrumentation Division, UGC attended “TEIN3 Kick-off Workshop” held in IntERLab, Asian Institute of Technology AIT, Bangkok from 15 to 19 June, 2009. This is one of the series of proposed training workshop in the TEIN3 HRD activities 2009, where more personnel from UGC and universities will be trained.

MS-PhD Program



*Muhammad
Motaharul Islam*

Muhammad Motaharul Islam, Lecturer of Training and Instrumentation Division, UGC left for South Korea on 28th August 2009 to pursue MS leading to Ph.D. program in the Department of Computer Engineering, Kyung Hee University. The UGC authority has granted him study leave for this programme.

Research and Publications Division

A meeting of Social Science Research Evaluation Committee was held on August 27, 2009. This meeting provisionally selected 31 research projects out of 46 new projects for the fiscal year 2009-2010 from different public universities. Besides, during the period from 1st July to 15th September, 2009 a total amount of Tk. 41,188 only disbursed against two on going projects of Social Science Research Section.

Kamal Hossain elected General Secretary of UGC Officers Association



Md. Kamal Hossain After the election, Mr. Kamal expressed his commitment to work for UGC officials and staff-members.

Md. Kamal Hossain, Assistant Secretary of the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, was elected as the General Secretary in the by-election of the Executive Committee of UGC Officers Association held on August 18, 2009.

Public University News in Brief

Dhaka University

Establish knowledge-based society for sustainable development– says Dr. Abdul Kalam

A knowledge-based society should be established through creative, interactive and self-learning education system to achieve sustainable development, visiting former Indian President Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam said on July 20, 2009 during a lecture at Dhaka University.



Former Indian President Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam speaking on the seminar

Replying to a question from a DU Professor, he said the two countries (Bangladesh and India) need to focus on better water management to solve the problems relating to trans-boundary rivers. He also urged them to focus more on researches, saying that good researches would ensure quality education.

Dr. Kalam delivered the lecture on ‘Capacity Building for National Development’ at the Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban. DU Vice-Chancellor Professor AAMS Arefin Siddique chaired the session.

Universities should achieve creativity through research

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid MP on July 31, 2009 called upon the authorities of the country’s public and private universities to ensure quality higher education. The Minister observed that there should be a knowledge-based society for sustainable development of the country to address the challenges of the 21st century. He was addressing a reunion of ex-students of the Begum Shamsunnahar Hall of Dhaka University as the Chief Guest at the Teacher Student Centre (TSC) on July 31, 2009. Vice Chancellor Professor Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique was present as the Special Guest on the occasion. The Minister said that the education system should be based on creativity and innovation so that the universities could carry out research works for the development of the country. Referring to the World Bank project the Minister mentioned that the project would provide financial assistance to the public and private universities for carrying out research works on competitive basis.

Jahangirnagar University

Annual Seminar

The annual seminar of Social Science Faculty of Jahangirnagar University was held at its seminar room on July 29, 2009. JU Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Shariff Enamul Kabir inaugurated the seminar as the Chief Guest. Speaking on the occasion the VC said that the research and education are closely linked and added that the authority is pledge-bound to help the university to advance in education and research.

Rajshahi University

Seminar on journalism education

Mass Communication and Journalism Department of Rajshahi University and Journalists' Alumni Forum of Rajshahi University (JAFRU) jointly organized a seminar on "Journalism education and career in Bangladesh" on August 9, 2009 at the university Senate building.

RU Vice Chancellor Professor Abdus Sobhan inaugurated the programme as the Chief Guest while Pro-VC Professor Dr. M Nurullah and Dean of Social Science Faculty Professor M. Sadekul Islam were present as Special Guests. President of JAFRU M Sajjad Hossain presented the welcome speech of the session and the Departmental Chairman Professor Moshihur Rahman presided. The speakers stressed on attaining practical knowledge by the student of the Department for doing better in professional life. They suggested a professional media centre in each of the communication and journalism departments of the universities for daily use of professional equipment of communication.

Dulal Chandra Biswas, Assistant Professor of the Department presented the keynote paper titled "Writing the Mind of the Curricula: Re-visioning Mass Communication and Journalism Education in Bangladesh". Former student and the sub-editor of "The Daily Star" Md. Mahmudul Haque also presented another keynote paper on "Job Market for Communication and Journalism Graduates in Bangladesh: Problems and Prospects".

Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology

Training Course on Climate Change

Training course on 'Facing the Challenges of Climate Change: Issues, Impacts and Adaptation Strategies for Bangladesh with focus on Water and Waste



Mr. Rashed Khan Menon, MP and Chair person of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education Ministry delivering his inaugural speech as Chief Guest at BUET

Management' was held at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) on 19th July, 2009. It was organized by International Training Network (ITN) and Civil Engineering Department of BUET in co-operation with the British Council, Dhaka.

Mr. Rashed Khan Menon, MP, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Education Ministry was present as the Chief Guest. Professor Dr. A.M.M. Safiullah, Vice-Chancellor, BUET, Professor Dr. Md. Zoynul Abedin, Head of the Civil Engineering, Professor Dr. M. Habibur Rahman, Director of ITN-BUET and Professor Dr. Jubayer bin Alam also spoke on the occasion. Professor Dr. M. Habibur Rahman, Director of ITN, BUET presided over the inaugural ceremony.

British academic calls on BUET VC

Dr. Bikash C Pal, Reader of Power Systems of Imperial College, London made a courtesy call on Professor Dr. AMM Safiullah, Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology at the latter's office on August 03, 2009. During the meeting, they discussed matters of mutual interest. Among others, Professor Dr. Aminul Huque and Professor Dr. Shahidul Islam Khan of the Dept. of EEE were present. In the evening Dr. Bikash Pal delivered a lecture on 'Some Advance in Computation and Control in Power Systems' organized by EEE, at the seminar room of Civil Engineering building in the campus.

Bangladesh Agricultural University

Certificate Awarding Ceremony

The Graduate Training Institute (GTI) of the Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) organized the certificate awarding ceremony of a two-month long 'Foundation Training Course for University Teachers',



UGC Member Professor Dr. Md. Tajul Islam speaking at the Certificate Awarding Ceremony

funded by the UGC, at the GTI Conference Hall on 4 July. Speakers at the ceremony stressed the need for professional and academic development of the University teachers to impart education to the students in order to promote the success of all learners in the classroom. Presided over by GTI Director Professor M. Nazrul Islam, the event was attended by Member of the University Grants Commission Professor Md. Tajul Islam as the Chief Guest while Vice-Chancellor Professor M. A. Sattar Mandal was present as the Chief Patron. Dean of the Faculty of Animal Husbandry Professor Md. Ali Akbar, Treasurer Md. Idris Ali, Course-coordinator Professor M. Mozahar Ali, Md. Shahidur Rahman and Rukshana Parveen addressed the occasion. Besides Bangladesh Agricultural University, teachers from Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University, Sylhet Agricultural University, and Noakhali Science and Technology University also took part in Foundation Training Course. Later, the Chief Guest Dr. Md. Tajul Islam formally distributed certificates and crests among the teachers who took part in the training course. The function was conducted by GTI Assistant Professor Masuma Habib

Bangabandhu Shiekh Mujib Medical University **VC of BSMMU elected president of AUB**



Professor Pran Gopal Dutta

Professor Pran Gopal Dutta, Vice-Chancellor of the Bangabandhu Shiekh Mujib Medical University has been elected President of the Association of Universities of Bangladesh (AUB). He was elected President unanimously at the 220th meeting of the executive committee of the AUB held at the conference room of the Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban of Dhaka University on August 11, 2009.

Professor RIM Aminur Rashid, VC of the Bangladesh Open University, and immediate past President of the association presided over the meeting. As president of the AUB, Dr. Pran Gopal Dutta will also discharge responsibilities of Councillor of the Association of Commonwealth Universities.

Shahjalal University of Science and Technology **Academic Innovation Fund (AIF) workshop held**

‘The main theme of *Vision 2021* is to establish a society based on scientific knowledge. For this, scientific research is necessary and we can expect a developed society through such researches at large scale’ said Professor Nazrul Islam, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, in a day-long Academic Innovation Fund (AIF) workshop held at SUST on August 12, 2009.



UGC Chairman Professor Nazrul Islam addressing AIF workshop at SUST

Vice Chancellor of SUST Professor Dr. Md. Saleh Uddin chaired the function and Professor Dr. Nazrul Islam, acting Vice Chancellor of Sylhet Agricultural University (SAU), addressed as a special guest. Deans and heads of different departments of both SUST and SAU were present as delegates in the workshop.

UGC Members Professor Dr. Ehsanul Haque, Professor Dr. Md. Tajul Islam, Dean of the School of Life Sciences Professor Dr. M. Habibul Ahsan, World Bank-Dhaka office Consultant Mr. Asahabur Rahman, Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project Director Mr. Rukonuddin Ahmed (Joint Secretary) and AIF project Co-ordinator Md. Kurban Ali were among the participants in the technical session.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurates Automated Registration procedure for Admission Test

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated Automated Registration procedure for Admission Test of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Sylhet on

September 13, 2009 by SMS. On the occasion a delegation led by the Vice-Chancellor Professor Md. Saleh Uddin met with Prime Minister at her Jatiya Sangsad office. Addressing the SUST delegation Prime Minister said Bangladesh just needed such type of innovative modern activities for attaining its desired development and prosperity. The Prime Minister assured the SUST delegation of providing every support from the government to build an IT Building on the university campus.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid, PM's Adviser for Education, Social Development and Political Affairs Dr. Alauddin Ahmed, UGC Chairman Professor Nazrul Islam, Education Secretary Syed Aatur Rahman, SUST Admission Test Committee President Dr. Rezai Karim Khandaker and its member Professor Dr. Muhammad Jafar Iqbal, Registrar in-charge Muhammad Ishfaqul Hussain, Lecturer of Computer Science & Engineering Md. Ruhul Amin Sajib and Abu Awal Md. Shoeb were present. Prime Minister expressed her happiness and satisfaction over the introduction of the SMS service for SUST's admission application process.

Bangladesh University of Professionals



Major General Md. Shafiqul Islam, ndc, psc, Vice Chancellor of Bangladesh University of Professionals handing over a crest to Professor Nazrul Islam, Chairman, UGC on July 26, 2009. UGC Members Professor Dr. Md. Abdul Hakim and Professor Dr. Atful Hye Shibly are also seen in the photograph.

Hajee Danesh Science and Technology University

University Day Observed

Hajee Danesh Science and Technology University (HDSTU) of Dinajpur celebrated 'University Day' amidst festivity on the campus on 11 September commemorating the 10th founding anniversary of the institution. Students, teachers as well as officials gathered at the HDSTU premises in the morning. Prime

Minister's Adviser on Education Dr. Alauddin Ahmed along with other dignitaries including Vice Chancellor of the university formally inaugurated the Day hoisting the national flag. The day was celebrated holding different events including discussions, festival rallies and a fair. The discussion meeting was presided over by Vice Chancellor Professor Md. Afzal Hossain while Dr. Alauddin Ahmed attended the programme as Chief Guest. The discussion meeting was addressed, among others, by State Minister for Land Advocate Mostafizur Rahman, Nurul Islam Sujon MP, Iqbalur Rahman MP, Monoronjonshil Gopal MP, Sultana Bulbul MP and Professor Syedul Haque Chowdhury. Dr. Alauddin said the new education policy should dispel the notion that the vocational education is a medium of education for the poor section of people.

Islamic University

Mourning Day observed

The Islamic University authority took up 2-day long elaborate programme to observe 34th death anniversary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and National Mourning Day on August 15-16 at its campus.

On August 15, IU Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. M. Alauddin and Pro-VC Professor Dr. Md. Kamal Uddin hoisted national flag and black flag at half-mast in front of the administrative building. Provosts of Residential Halls hoisted the flags in their respective halls. IU VC placed wreaths at the grave of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Tungipara. VC of the Jessore University of Science & Technology Professor Dr. Md. Abdus Sattar, IU Pro-VC Professor Dr. Md. Kamal Uddin, Deans of different faculties, Chairmen of different departments, Heads of the Offices, Proctor and some teachers, officers and employees were present there. They also offered dua and munajat.



The discussants and anchors in a discussion meeting focusing on life and works of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman held on August 16, 2009

On August 16, the university authority brought out a rally led by the Vice-Chancellor and participated by the teachers and students on the campus. Later, a discussion meeting focusing on the life and works of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and national history was held at Shah Azizur Rahman Auditorium of the University.

Former Professor of Jahangirnagar University Dr. Mustafa Nurul Islam addressed the discussion meeting as the Chief Guest while IU Pro-VC Professor Dr. Kamal Uddin, Treasurer Professor Dr. Md. Shahjahan Ali spoke on the occasion as Special Guests. It was chaired by Professor Dr. M Alauddin, Vice-Chancellor of the University.

Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University

Inauguration of SAU Administrative Building

The newly constructed administrative building of Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University has been inaugurated recently by Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid (MP) Hon'ble Education Minister, Ministry of Education, the People's Republic of Bangladesh. The inauguration ceremony began with plantation of tree in front of the new administrative building. Palm trees were planted by Education Minister as well as by UGC Chairman Professor Nazrul Islam, Krishibid Abdul Mannan (MP), Asaduzzaman Khan (MP), Benjir Ahmed (MP) and Vice-Chancellor of SAU.



Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid addressing the Inauguration Ceremony of new SAU Administrative Building

Later a discussion meeting was held in the conference room of the administrative building presided over by the Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Md. Shah-E-Alam. The meeting was addressed by Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid (MP). Among others Professor Shadat Ullah, Professor Dr. Md. Shahidur Rashid Bhuiyan, Professor Dr. Md. Nurul Islam, Professor Kamal Uddin Ahamed and Professor Dr. Md. Fazlur Karim also spoke on the occasion.

Private University News in Brief

North South University

Seminar on urban planning held

Department of Environmental Science and Management of North South University (NSU) organised a seminar on 'Urban Planning and Environmental Management: We are Ignoring at Our Own Perils', held at the NSU's own campus at Bashundhara on August 02, 2009.

State Minister for Land Advocate Mostafizur Rahman attended the seminar as the Chief Guest. Professor Nazrul Islam, Chairman, UGC and M A Kashem, Chairman, NSU Foundation spoke as Special Guests. Dr. Hafiz GA Siddiqi, Vice Chancellor, NSU chaired the session. Professor SAM Khairul Bashar, Pro-Vice Chancellor, NSU, Engineer Nurul Huda, Chairman, RAJUK, Dr. Zafar Ahmed Khan, DG of the Department of Environment attended the session as the Guests of Honor. Professor ATM Nurul Amin, Chairman of the Department of Environmental Science and Management, NSU was the keynote speaker. State Minister for Land Advocate Mostafizur Rahman reflected on the worldwide concerns centering at ecological imbalance and urged for producing more graduates in 'Urban Planning & Environmental Management' in light of adaptations as citizens of a global village.

Professor Nazrul Islam, Chairman, UGC, said "If we want to save the city we need urban-planning." He emphasized on the formation of a powerful coordinating body for planning under a senior minister to coordinate all the governmental departments.

Southeast University

SEU Closes Distance Education

Southeast University (SEU) has closed down all forms of distance and ICT-based education in compliance with the directives of the Ministry of Education and the University Grants Commission. The Board of Governors of SEU passed a resolution to this effect. The Centre for Open and Virtual Learning (COViL) has also been declared closed. Fresh admission in the Regional Resource Centres (RRC) was closed on October 23, 2007 as per the instruction of the UGC. Most of the students admitted before that date has already completed their degree requirements. Those who could not complete all courses due to semester-drop or for personal reasons are advised to transfer to the regular programmes offered in the main campus at Banani.

Independent University Bangladesh

IUB and UNAIDS sign MoU

Independent University Bangladesh (IUB) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with UNAIDS on August 16, 2009 at the Spectra Convention Center, Dhaka. The MoU was signed on behalf of IUB by Professor Omar Rahman, Pro-Vice Chancellor of IUB and Director of the Centre for Health, Population and Development (CHPD) at IUB. On behalf of UNAIDS the principal signatory was Mr. Dan Odallo, UNAIDS, the Country Director. Additional signatories on behalf of IUB were Prof. Bazlul Mobin Choudhury, Vice Chancellor of IUB and on behalf of UNAIDS Dr. Munir Ahmed, Social Mobilization Advisor at UNAIDS.



Professor Bazlul Mobin Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor, IUB and Mr Dan Odallo are signing the MoU on behalf of their respective organizations

Being an official partner of UNAIDS, the principal objectives of the MoU will be promoting (a) Research (b) National Capacity Building and (c) Information sharing in the field of HIV and AIDS in Bangladesh. In this regard it may be mentioned that IUB has already conducted several desk reviews and operations research projects in the field of HIV/AIDS in collaboration with UNAIDS.

The Chief Guest of the MoU signing ceremony was Ms. Deena Huq, Director General, Prime Minister's Office. The Vice Chancellor and the teachers of IUB, Dr. Rukhsana Reza, M&E Advisor at UNAIDS, and other distinguished representatives from the Government of Bangladesh, civil society organizations, NGO's, self help groups and UN agencies attended the ceremony.

The ceremony ended with a brief farewell session to Mr. Dan Odallo, UNAIDS Country Coordinator for his three years of committed service to the HIV/AIDS response in Bangladesh.

East West University

Inter-University Math Olympiad 2009

East West University (EWU) Science Club organized the Inter University Math Olympiad-2009 for the second time consecutively on 4 July 2009. Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) secured the top three positions in the competition. Eighty participants from 16 public and private universities took part in the competition. Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, founding Vice Chancellor and President, Board of Directors of the University inaugurated the event. Jalaluddin Ahmed, President, Board of Directors of East West University was present as the Chief Guest at the prize-giving ceremony. Professor Dr. Mohammed Sharif, Vice Chancellor, East West University presided over the function. Professor Dr. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology was present as the convener of the panel of the judges in the competition.

Merit scholarship awarding ceremony held at EWU

The merit scholarship awarding ceremony of East West University (EWU) for the Spring and Summer Semesters-2009 was held at the University auditorium on July 30, 2009. A total of 121 students received merit scholarships. Prime Minister's Adviser HT Imam attended the programme as the Chief Guest and distributed certificates among the recipients of merit scholarship. Jalaluddin Ahmed, President, Board of Directors of the University was present in the programme as the Special Guest. Professor Dr. Mohammed Sharif, Vice-Chancellor of the University, presided over the programme. Professor Dr. Muniruddin Ahmed, Pro-Vice Chancellor and the Registrar Col (Retd) Shah Murtoza Ali also spoke on the occasion.

BRAC University

Architecture Week 2009

Architecture Week 2009 was inaugurated on 9th July by Professor Dr. Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Vice-Chancellor of BRAC University. The week-long exhibition showcased selected student projects of the Department of Architecture. An one-day Design Charrette (design competition) was held on 10th July where students from all architecture schools of public and private universities participated. Rupali Chowdhury, MD of BERGER Paints Bangladesh Ltd., gave prizes for the three winning positions and three honorable mentions. Architecture for Kids (Arch.Kids), an outreach programme of the department, arranged a three-hour workshop on 12th July. In this workshop children of 8-10 years of age from different schools participated.

United International University

Seminar on GaN HFETs: Physics and Applications at UIU

A seminar on 'GaN HFETs: Physics and Applications' was held at United International University on July 30, 2009. Professor A.F. Anwar, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Connecticut



Professor A.F. Anwar, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering University of Connecticut Storrs, CT, USA & Editor, IEEE Transactions on Electron Devices speak at the seminar

Storrs, CT, USA and Editor, IEEE Transactions on Electron Devices was the Chief Guest of the seminar. UIU and IEEE ED Bangladesh chapter jointly organized the seminar, UIU Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. M Rezwana Khan, faculty members of UIU and students were present in the seminar.

University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh

Interactive University Web Portal ULAB 2.0

The University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) launched the first-ever interactive web portal of any university in Bangladesh on Thursday, 9 July 2009. The Programme was launched by the Honorable Minister for Education, Nurul Islam Nahid, who graced the ceremony as the Chief Guest. The theme of the day was "ULAB 2.0: Embracing Digital Bangladesh."

This new interactive concept in university websites emphasizes the collaboration between teachers and students. Teachers and students will be able to share files, comment on each other's work, and work together in their study activities through network. This web portal empowers students and faculties and makes possible their use of online learning. In this way ULAB is embracing the true meaning of "Digital Bangladesh" in education. Nurul Islam Nahid in his speech thanked ULAB for this great initiative where the students and the teachers will get the chance to interact through the web. He said "in this era of information technology people of Bangladesh want change and the government is working on it. To establish a Digital Bangladesh within 2021 this initiative will help a lot and other universities can take this initiative as an example. So, I personally thank ULAB for this." The Special Guest was Mr. Kazi Islam, the CEO of Grameen Solutions,

who developed the site in partnership with ULAB's web development team.

American International University, Bangladesh

English teachers' training held

The English Department of AIUB in collaboration with Bangladesh English Language Teachers Association (BELTA) and Japan-based Teachers Helping Teachers (THT) Forum, organised a three-day international seminar titled "BELTA-AIUB-THT English Language Teaching Seminar 2009" with the theme "Alternative Methodologies in ELT". The inaugural ceremony of the seminar was held on July 23, 2009 at the AIUB auditorium with Professor Nazrul Islam, Chairman of the University Grants Commission, as the Chief Guest. BELTA President Dr. Rubina Khan, leader of the THT delegation Dr. Patrick Doherty, Chairman of AIUB's Board of Trustees Dr. Anwarul Abedin, AIUB Vice Chancellor Dr. Carmen Lamagna, Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Anwar Hossain, Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. T Hossain, English Department Head Dr. Faheem Shahed and BELTA Secretary General Dr. Arifa Rahman also spoke on the occasion.

The seminar comprised intensive workshops and roundtable sessions conducted by nine renowned foreign teacher-trainers from USA, Canada, UK and other countries. Fifty English language teachers from different schools, colleges and universities participated at the seminar.

Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology

Inter-university programming contest

An Inter-university programming contest was held on July 24, 2009 at Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology in the city. Some 334 contestants from 33 public and private universities took part in the computer programming. It was organised by One Bank Ltd. & the media partners were The New Age, Jai Jai Din and Channel i. The three-member team of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology became champion while Dhaka University team became runners-up. Professor Dr. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology acted as the Chief Adjudicator. Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. M Anwar Hossain was the Chief Guest at the prize-giving ceremony. The President of the University Kazi Rafiqul Alam and One Bank Vice-Chairperson Farzana Choudhury were Special Guests.

ASA University

Freshers' Reception

Freshers' reception for the Summer-2009 undergraduate students of ASA University, Bangladesh (ASAUB) was held at the ASA University auditorium.

Professor Dr. Md Muinuddin Khan, Vice-Chancellor, presided over the ceremony. Md Shafiqul Haque Choudhury, President of ASA and Chairman, Board of Governors was present as the Chief Guest. Professor Dr. Tareq MR Chowdhury, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Social Science and Law, Professor Dr. Abdul Awal Khan, Dean, Faculty of Business, Professor Dr. Md Saiful Islam and Registrar of ASAUB spoke on the occasion. Chairmen of all departments, faculty members, administrative officers of ASAUB and a good number of students were present on the occasion.

Prime University

Professor Dr. M. Abdus Samad gets award of honor in the field of Engineering

'Biswabiddalaya Parikrama', a periodical in its 18th founding anniversary arranged a discussion meeting at Bangabandhu International Conference Center in Dhaka on August 01, 2009 to accord special reception to the people who have achieved excellence in different fields. The ceremony was attended by Mr. Gulam Mohammad Quader, the Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh as Chief Guest and Professor Nazrul Islam, Chairman, University Grants Commission as Special Guest. On that occasion Professor Dr. M. Abdus Samad, Vice Chancellor of Prime University was accorded award of honor for academic excellence in Engineering.

Bangladesh University of Business and Technology

Meeting on the life and achievements of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman

Bangladesh University of Business and Technology (BUBT) organized a Discussion Meeting on the life and achievements of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on the occasion of National Mourning Day, 2009 on August 20, 2009 at 2.00 P.M. in the auditorium of the University. The discussion was followed by reading articles and recitation from poems. Finally, a Doa Mahfil was held praying for salvation of the soul of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his near and dear ones who were killed on August 15, 1975.

On the occasion Voluntary Blood Donation was held under the initiative of BUBT & Quantum Foundation. A good number of students participated in the Voluntary Blood Donation Program. The Blood Donation Program was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor Prof. Md. Abu Saleh. Dr. Dipu Moni, Hon'ble Foreign Minister of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, was present on the occasion as the Chief Guest. Mr. Md. Aslamul Haq, the Hon'ble Member of the Parliament, was present as the

Special Guest. The Chief Guest Dr. Dipu Moni and all other speakers discussed about the life and achievements of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Prof. Md. Abu Saleh, Vice Chancellor of BUBT, presided over the function.

IBAIS University

Dhaka Tourism Fair-2009



Gulam Mohammad Quader, Hon'ble Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister at IBAIS University Stall in Dhaka Tourism Fair 2009

From August 12 to 14, 2009, IBAIS University participated in the Dhaka Tourism Fair-2009 arranged by Parjatan Bichitra at Shilpokala Academy, Dhaka. Mr. Ghulam Muhammed Quader, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, attended as the Chief Guest and inaugurated the program. IBAIS University was the career partner of the fair.



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